



STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION # 33104-01719
AMENDMENT # 1
FOR TENNESSEE STUDENT TECHNOLOGY
ENRICHMENT PROGRAM (TNSTEP)**

DATE: April 10, 2019

RFI # 33104-01719 IS AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. This RFP Schedule of Events updates and confirms scheduled RFP dates. Any event, time, or date containing revised or new text is highlighted.

| RFI SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: EVENT | | TIME (Central Time Zone) | DATE (all dates are State business days) | COMPLETED/REVISED |
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| 1. | RFI Issued | | 3/6/19 | COMPLETED |
| 2. | Vendor Written Comments and Questions Deadline | Noon (12PM) | 3/20/19 | COMPLETED |
| 3. | State Response to Vendor Questions | 2:00 PM | 4/10/19 | REVISED |
| 4. | RFI Response Deadline | Noon (12PM) | 4/22/19 | REVISED |

2. State responses to questions and comments in the table below amend and clarify this RFP.

Any restatement of RFP text in the Question/Comment column shall NOT be construed as a change in the actual wording of the RFP document.

| QUESTION / COMMENT | STATE RESPONSE |
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| 1 Would you please shed some light on the following? In reading thru the referenced solicitation, it appears the state is solely looking for a response to the RFI (roughly the first 8 or 9 pages), and the RFQ from 2016 was attached for reference only. Please confirm. | Yes, confirmed. This RFI is to gather information from the vendor community that will assist in the development of a future solicitation. The state will be issuing a new formal solicitation (i.e. RFQ or RFP) in fall or winter 2019. |
| 2 Will all LEAs and state-run schools be required to purchase through any resulting contract, or will this be a convenience contract for both groups? | These contracts will be permissive not mandatory. Since the state does manage state-run schools, we will determine their purchasing route; |

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| | however, all other public LEAs make their own purchasing decisions. |
| 3 How many LEAs and state-run schools are participating in the contract today? | Six (6) participants with two (2) pending. One goal of this solicitation is to increase participation. The new solicitation will address any previous impediments to participation. |
| 4 Will there be an option for an LEA or state-run school to purchase products rather than finance/lease under a resulting contract? | Yes. We are currently considering all options in the solicitation, including lease or purchase options. |
| 5 Subject to the review and evaluation of RFI responses, when does the State anticipate issuing an RFP? | The current goal is to release it in fall or winter of 2019, subject to the time needed to develop the RFP and obtain necessary approvals from state officials (e.g., CPO, COT, TDOE, etc.). |
| 6 Will the State negotiate final contract terms and conditions resulting from an award of the RFP? | Yes, we anticipate allowing for limited negotiations. Respondents to the final solicitation will need to submit any proposed revisions to the pro forma contract prior to response deadline. The State may consider proposed revisions at its sole discretion. |
| 7 As a company, we are interested in this oppty to partner with the state of TN for the state's 1:1 initiative. I went thru the PDF document that was sent out but was confused as to the exact info I need to provide. Can you send me exactly what is needed for us to move forward? | <p>The state is seeking responses to the current RFI as issued on March 6, 2019. Section 6 "Informational Forms" should be completed and submitted as stated in the RFI document.</p> <p>This RFI is not the solicitation upon which a contract will be awarded – the solicitation (RFQ or RFP) that will result in a contract award will be forthcoming after the completion of the RFI.</p> <p>The purpose of this RFI is to gather information from the vendor community that will assist in the development of a future solicitation. The state will be issuing a new formal solicitation (i.e. RFQ or RFP) in the fall or winter of 2019. .</p> |

3. **RFP Amendment Effective Date.** The revisions set forth herein shall be effective upon release. All other terms and conditions of this RFP not expressly amended herein shall remain in full force and effect.